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Applicant respectfully requests the courtesy and favor of a personal interview with the Examiner and his supervisor at the Patent and Trademark Office to discuss the patentability of the claims. A face-to-face interview, it is submitted, would be far more efficient and effective than a telephone interview in view of the ability to propose, counter-propose, revise, and finally come to an agreement in a highly interactive fashion.

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